Vacancies in central government services

2254. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work is suffering as a result of many vacancies in the Central Government services;

(b) if so, how Government would ensure that work does not suffer and that there is no backlog of work due to vacancies;

(c) whether there is excess workload on the Central Government employees; and

(d) if so, by when the vacancies would be filled up to reduce the crisis of unemployment to some extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Ceiling on age of pension drawl

2255. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to place a ceiling on age till when pensions can be drawn by retired Government personnel/civil pensioners;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to slash dearness/relief revisions in pension; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of Kendriya Bhandar near Rail Bhawan

2256. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Kendriya Bhandar was functioning near the Rail Bhawan and the same has been shifted to another place;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether there has been any revenue loss to Government on account of the shifting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Bhandar office complex including retail store at Raisina Road near Rail Bhawan had been shifted under Government instructions due to security reasons.

(c) and (d) It is difficult to quantify the revenue loss due to shifting. However, Kendriya Bhandar registered reductions in sale to the tune of Rs. 444 lakhs due to suspension of business activities for about 15 days in February, 2002 on account of shifting.